

1. A security method for a client device connected to a network by a broadband connection, said method including,
a security check sequence operable when said device is initialized,
5 said security check sequence including,
automatically determining the actual physical location of said client device,
comparing said actual physical location to a pre-established physical location,
termination said initialization of said client device if said physical location and said
pre-established locations o not match, and
10 continuing said initialization of said client device if said physical location and said
pre-established locations do match.
whereby said client device is only initialized if said device is at a pre-established
physical location.
- 15 2. A security system for a network client device which is connected to a network by a
broadband connection, said security system determining if said client device is
operating from a pre-established physical location, said security system including,
a mechanism for automatically determining the actual physical location of said client
device,
20 a comparison mechanism for comparing actual physical location of said client device
to said pre-established physical location,
a mechanism for terminating the operation of said device if said physical location and
said pre-established location are different.
- 25 3. The method of claim 1 wherein the actual physical location of said client device is
determined by initiating a telephone call to said client device from a telephone line
connected to said client device and checking the caller ID of the telephone line that
initiated said call.
- 30 4. The method of claim 1 wherein the actual physical location of said client device is
determined by use of a Global Positioning System(GPS) unit.
5. The method of claim 1 wherein said client device is connected to a network by
uses of a cable modem.

6. The method of claim 1 wherein said client device is connected to a network by uses of a Digital Subscriber Line (DSL) connection.

5 7. The method of claim 1 wherein said client device is connected to the Internet.

8. The method of claim 1 wherein said client device includes a stored encrypted key which can be checked by a server.

10 9. The system of claim 2 wherein the actual physical location of said client device is determined by initiating a telephone call to said client device from a telephone line connected to said client device and checking the caller ID of the telephone line that initiated said call.

15 10. The system of claim 2 wherein the actual physical location of said client device is determined by use of a Global Positioning System(GPS) unit.

11. The system of claim 2 wherein said client device is connected to a network by uses of a cable modem.

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12. The system of claim 2 wherein said client device is connected to a network by uses of a Digital Subscriber Line (DSL) connection.

13. The system of claim 2 wherein said client device is connected to the Internet.

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14. The system of claim 2 wherein said client device includes a stored encrypted key which can be checked by a server.

15. A security system for a network client device connected to a network by a
30 broadband network connection, said security system determining if said client device is operating from a pre-established physical location, said security system including, means for automatically determining the actual physical location of said client device, means for comparing actual physical location of said client device to said pre-established physical location,

means for terminating the operation of said device if said physical location and said pre-established location are different.

16. The system of claim 15 wherein the actual physical location of said client device is determined by a means for initiating a telephone call to said client device from a telephone line connected to said client machine and a means checking the caller ID of the telephone line that initiated said call.

17. The system of claim 15 wherein the actual physical location of said client device is determined by use of a Global Positioning System(GPS) means.

18. A security method for a client device which is connected to a network by a broadband network connection, said method including, automatically determining the actual physical location of said client device, comparing said actual physical location to a pre-established physical location, and inhibiting said client device from using said broadband network connection if said physical location and said pre-established locations do not match, whereby said client device can only be connected to said network by said broadband connection if said client device is operated from a pre-established physical location.

19. The method of claim 1 wherein a server is automatically notified if said actual physical location and said pre-established location do not match.

20. The system of claim 2 wherein a server is automatically notified if said actual physical location and said pre-established location do not match.